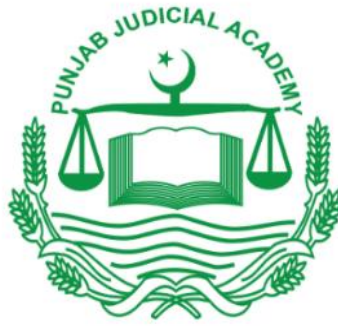




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Academic Activities

(April to June, 2025)

Quranic Message

Each training session at the Academy commences with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a very impressive and soul touching session of Qur'anic teachings and principles of justice in Islam conducted by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, the Director General PJA. The session focused on Quranic guidance and Hadith relating to justice in society, family, and the judicial system, offering deep insights into the ethical obligations of the judiciary. The initiative underscores the Quran's comprehensive directives on justice and their relevance in contemporary legal proceedings.

These sessions offered profound insights and thought-provoking reflections, rooted in the teachings of the Holy Quran, providing an opportunity to the young judicial officers to assimilate and inculcate the ethical aspects of life while dispensing justice.

The integration of Quranic teachings into judicial training has received widespread recognition from participants, including judicial officers and legal practitioners, who expressed their profound appreciation for the initiative.

Two Weeks Performance Evaluation Performance Training Program 2025 for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Judicial Magistrates



The Punjab Judicial Academy successfully conducted Two Weeks Performance Evaluation Training Program for Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Judicial Magistrates in three batches from March 03 to April 19, 2025. The program aimed to enhance the professional competence and judicial performance of judges by addressing practical challenges faced in courts and familiarizing them with recent legal and procedural developments.

The training program began with an inaugural ceremony chaired by Hon'ble Director General PJA and participated by Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors and Faculty Members, PJA. Over the course of two weeks, judges participated in nearly 50 interactive sessions, led by seasoned professionals and subject experts. These sessions offered valuable insights and practical tools aimed at enhancing judicial effectiveness and the quality of service delivery.

The details of these sessions are outlined below:

- i. Foundations of Legal Communication
- ii. Report Writing Skills
- iii. Active Listening Techniques for Effective Adjudication
- iv. Communication and Interpersonal Skills
- v. Health & Nutrition – Physical Fitness

- vi. Trauma Informed Judging : Recognizing and Responding to Trauma
- vii. Cyber Security and Data Protection
- viii. Judicial Ethics in Digital Age
- ix. Time Management and Productivity
- x. Medical Jurisprudence-Understanding Post-Mortem and Medico Legal Reports-Its importance in Adjudication
- xi. Forensic Science in Aid of Criminal Justice System – Admissibility of Forensic Evidence
- xii. Admissible – Inadmissible Evidence
- xiii. Alternate Dispute Resolution
- xiv. Probation laws
- xv. Legal Framework on Prisons: Issues & Challenges
- xvi. An overview of criminal trial
- xvii. Principles of Fair Trial
- xviii. Principles of Double Jeopardy
- xix. Trial in complaint, challan and cross cases
- xx. Trial in Narcotics cases
- xxi. Version / plea of accused and appreciation thereof
- xxii. Appreciation of evidence in criminal cases
- xxiii. Quantum of sentence
- xxiv. Trial of Summary Suit
- xxv. Civil Appeals + Cross Objection
- xxvi. Rent Appeals - Family Appeals
- xxvii. Appeal Against Orders
- xxviii. Review + Revisions
- xxix. Trial in Rape, Narcotics and Juvenile Cases
- xxx. Appeal and Revision in Criminal Cases
- xxxi. Acquittal on merit u/s 265K, U/S 265H
- xxxii. Powers and Duties of Ex-Officio Justice of Peace
- xxxiii. Consideration for Decisions of Habeas Corpus Petition
- xxxiv. Land Acquisition Act
- xxxv. Environmental Laws
- xxxvi. PPRA Rules - E-Procurement
- xxxvii. Law of Bails
- xxxviii. TA/DA Rules - Punjab Medical Rules
- xxxix. Settlement of Audit Objections
- xl. Senior Civil Judge as a Team Leader / Role Model
- xli. Senior Civil Judge as a Custodian of Public Accounts
- xl.ii. Liaison with Bar & Judges
- xl.iii. Order Writing – Criminal
- xl.iv. Order Writing – Civil
- xl.v. Judgment Writing in Civil & Criminal Cases

At the end of this training session a formal concluding ceremony was held which was graced by the Hon'ble Director General PJA also attended by Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors and Faculty Members of PJA.



One Week Training Program-2024 for Judicial Officers on Revenue Documents Analysis and Inheritance Issues.

The Punjab Judicial Academy is committed to enhance the capacity and professional competence of judicial officers and court personnel through various training programs. Analysis and admissibility of the revenue documents is normally considered as most crucial issue in every civil litigation, especially in declaratory suits and suits relating to inheritance matters, thus it is generally perceived that reading and understanding revenue documents in true perspective has been a grey area in the trial courts since long.

The Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA while realizing the problems and issues faced by the judges of district judiciary in analysing the revenue documents in civil litigation, directed the Academy to design a curriculum on this crucial issue. Pursuant to the kind directions of Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Management, the PJA introduced a training program for proper understanding of revenue documents for the judicial officers along with technicalities and modalities involved in the Law of Inheritance. To achieve and accomplish this task befittingly some senior former revenue officers well conversant with the revenue documents were invited to deliver lectures to the judges. Mr. Shahbaz Ahmad, Additional District & Sessions Judge, Fortabbas having special expertise in law of inheritance also delivered lectures to the participants on the topic of "Law of Inheritance".



During the current quarter six (06) batches on “Revenue Document Analysis and Inheritance Issues”, were conducted from 07.04.2025 to 28.06.2025.



Upon successful completion of each training batch, the concluding ceremony of each training batch was chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Rtd) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General Punjab Judicial Academy. The ceremony started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, a representative of trainee judges from each batch shared his/her views and feedback on behalf of their batch-mates, appreciating the new training module of analysis of revenue documents and the efforts of the resource persons to inculcate practical knowledge of these documents in interactive sessions.



One Week Training Program-2024 for Judicial Officers on Forensic Insight: Enhancing Judicial Outcome; Understanding the Concepts of Medico Legal & Autopsy and Arms & Ammunition.

In pursuit of its commitment to judicial excellence and capacity building, the Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA), under the kind guidance of Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA successfully organized a specialized six-day training program titled: "Forensic Insight: Enhancing Judicial Outcomes – Understanding the Concepts of Medico-Legal & Autopsy and Arms & Ammunition." Covering the following key areas;

- Basic and advanced concepts in forensic science
- Medico-legal practices and interpretation of autopsy reports
- Collection, preservation, and analysis of forensic evidence
- Technical understanding of arms, ammunition, and ballistics

The primary object of the program was to equip the participants with essential theoretical understanding and practical skills in forensic science, medical jurisprudence, autopsy protocols, and arms and ammunition analysis — all of which are immensely vital for the effective adjudication of criminal cases. The Punjab Judicial Academy feeling the necessity to improve the knowledge of trial court judges, especially of those who are dealing criminal trials, invited very eminent and renowned resource persons from concerned departments / agencies as well as former Inspector General of Police to deliver lectures on the highly technical subjects which were generously appreciated by the participants/trainee judges. Each training batch comprised 18 comprehensive sessions. The training batch began with a Pre-Training Assessment Test to evaluate existing knowledge levels. This enabled facilitators to identify knowledge gaps and customize the content accordingly. In the current quarter, April to June 2025, five (05) batches were conducted, with a total of one hundred & forty four (144) Judicial Officers participating in these training sessions.



Inaugural Ceremony:

Each batch commenced with an Inaugural Ceremony graciously presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem. The ceremonies opened with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a Welcome Address by the Hon'ble Director General. During the welcome address, his lordship further underlined that understanding medico-legal and forensic evidence is indispensable for ensuring justice in criminal proceedings for every trial judge. Each lecture

aimed to enhance the understanding of judicial officers in critical domains of forensic science, medico-legal procedures, crime scene investigation, firearms analysis, toxicology, and DNA evidence. With a focus on practical application and



courtroom relevance, the training sessions blended academic theory with real-world insights.

Concluding Ceremony:

Concluding ceremony of each training batch was presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General Punjab Judicial Academy and attended by Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors and Faculty Members PJA. Each ceremony commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran. Following the recitation, a representative from each batch was invited to share their feedback. Each ceremony concluded with the distribution of Certificates to the participating judges and Group Photographs of the participants with the Hon'ble Director General, Worthy Advisor to PJA and Faculty Members of the Academy.





Five Days Training Program 2025 on Stress Management – Personal Development and Cybercrimes for Judicial Officers (Additional District & Sessions Judge, Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates).



Keeping in view the general perception that Judicial Officers are working in some visible and invisible stress and anxiety, the Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA), under the kind directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice Lahore High Court / Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA organized a Three-Day Training Program on Stress Management – Personal Development. The focus was upon the reasons of stress which the judicial officers generally face during performing their duties. All the important three areas to address the issues including physical, spiritual and mental reasons were highlighted by the experts in the field. Most absorbing lectures on stress in the light of spiritualism were delivered by the Hon'ble Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy and Ms. Mona Aslam, Collector Custom, Lahore. The participants of the training program generously appreciated this effort of the Punjab Judicial Academy to arrange such useful training to minimize rather eliminate the stress and all related issues.

The Punjab Judicial Academy also tagged a very beneficial and useful Two Days Training Program on Cybercrimes which is in the modern era, a burning issue and the way the cybercrimes are on the rise, our judicial system should also be trained and well equipped in the relevant cyber laws to deal with such like criminals befittingly and effectively. The sessions / lectures on cybercrimes were addressed by very eminent experts from the cyber world, such as Dr. Ali Mohsin Qazalbash, Legal Consultant, Mr. Sarmad Saeed Khan, former I.G., which were highly appreciated by the participants. During the current quarter, April to June 2025, Eight (08) batches have successfully completed the training, with a total of two hundred & twelve (212) Judicial Officers.



The topics taught in session are:

- 1) What is Stress?
- 2) How to Manage Stress?
- 3) Nafs and Rooh
- 4) Principles of Administration in Islam
- 5) Resources Management.
- 6) Causes of Stress in Islam
- 7) Stress Management: No health without Mental Health
- 8) Emotional Intelligence.
- 9) Solution of Stress in Islam
- 10) Develop your own Toolkit of Personal Development:
- 11) Developing Your Signature Style
- 12) What are Cyber Laws; Different Types of Cyber Laws
- 13) The Need for Cyber Laws – Introduction
- 14) How the Modern Day Market Economy has been Impacted by Cybercrime and Cyber Laws
- 15) The Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016; The Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962
- 16) What are the White Collar Crimes,
- 17) The Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2021
- 18) The Right to Access of Information Act, 2017
- 19) The Punjab Information Commission (Under the Right of Access to Information Act)



Concluding Ceremony:

The concluding ceremony of each batch commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, the Director General of the Punjab Judicial Academy and participated by Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors and Faculty Members, PJA. Following the recitation from Holy Quran, a representative from each batch was invited to share feedback. He /She highlighted the effectiveness of the training module and especially appreciated the integration of Quranic message and also appreciated the efforts of PJA to arrange such beneficial and informative training programmes.

The ceremonies concluded with the distribution of Certificates to the participating judges and Group Photographs of the participants with the Hon'ble Director General, Worthy Advisor to PJA and Faculty Members of the Academy.







One Week Face to Face Training Course - 2025 on Mediation Skills With Reference to ADR under the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019 (Additional District & Sessions Judges, Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates).

The ever-increasing pendency of cases in courts has posed significant challenges to the efficiency and effectiveness of the justice delivery system in Pakistan. In this context, Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms, especially mediation, have emerged as vital tools for promoting timely, cost-effective, and amicable settlement of disputes. Recognizing the importance of ADR, the Government of Punjab enacted the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act, 2019, which institutionalizes mediation and other ADR techniques in civil and criminal matters. This legislative development necessitates a paradigm shift in how judicial officers view and facilitate dispute resolution — moving beyond adversarial litigation towards collaborative problem-solving.

In order to equip judicial officers with the necessary skills, understanding and confidence to effectively utilize and promote mediation and ADR process within the framework of the law, the Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA), under the kind directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice Lahore High Court / Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA organized a One Week Face to Face Training Course - 2025 on Mediation Skills With Reference to ADR under the Punjab Alternate Dispute Resolution Act 2019 (Additional District & Sessions Judges, Senior Civil Judges and Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates).

This training is not only timely but essential for the following reasons:

- a) Legal Mandate: The Punjab ADR Act, 2019 mandates the courts to explore ADR options, particularly in civil, family, commercial, and compoundable criminal cases. Judicial officers must be well-versed in their statutory responsibilities under this law.
- b) Skill Development: Mediation requires a different skill set than adjudication. Judicial officers need structured training to adapt to this evolving role effectively.

- c) **Judicial Efficiency:** By resolving suitable disputes through mediation, courts can significantly reduce delays and enhance judicial productivity.
- d) **Public Trust and Access to Justice:** ADR processes are often quicker, less expensive, and more amicable than traditional trials, thus enhancing public confidence in the justice system.
- e) **International Best Practices:** Many jurisdictions globally have successfully integrated ADR into their judicial systems. Pakistan must align with these best practices to ensure modern, people-centric justice delivery.
- f) **Institutional Responsibility:** As custodians of justice, judicial officers play a pivotal role in fostering dispute resolution mechanisms that emphasize reconciliation, fairness, and equity over technicalities and confrontation.



Most absorbing lectures on the topic were delivered by renowned legal consultants. This one-week intensive training course provided a crucial platform to the judicial officers for enhancing their capabilities in this regard. Through interactive learning, role plays and legal analysis, participants have been better prepared to operationalize mediation as an integral part of their judicial functions — contributing significantly to judicial reforms and the broader goal of "Justice for All."

The detail of sessions is as under:

- 1) Introduction to Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR).
- 2) How to Ascertain the Most Appropriate Method of Dispute.
- 3) What is Mediation & Its Benefits?
- 4) Islamic Perspective of Mediation & ADR.
- 5) Scope and Purpose of the Punjab ADR Act, 2019.
- 6) Judicial Referral Under the Punjab ADR Act, 2019.
- 7) Procedure Under the Punjab ADR Act, 2019.
- 8) Mediation – Overview and Process.
- 9) Core Skills of a Mediator.
- 10) Panel Discussion.
- 11) Ethics, Confidentiality & Code of Conduct.
- 12) Role Play 1: Construction Scenario.
- 13) Role Play 2: Family Scenario.
- 14) Role Play 3: Commercial Scenario.
- 15) Attributes & Skills of an Effective Mediator / Judge Mediator – Leveraging the Judge’s Portfolio.
- 16) Mediation Settlement Agreements – Validity, Structure & Enforceability.
- 17) Judicial Public Policy & Addressing Judicial Backlog – The Way Forward.



Inaugural and Concluding Ceremonies:

The inaugural and concluding ceremonies of Mediation Skills commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, presided over by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General Punjab Judicial Academy, participated by Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors and Faculty Members. In Concluding Ceremony following the recitation from Holy Quran, a representative from the batch was invited to share feedback. She highlighted the effectiveness of the training module, especially appreciated the integration of Quranic message and also appreciated the efforts of PJA to arrange such beneficial and informative training program. The ceremony concluded with the distribution of Certificates to the participating judges and Group Photographs of the participants with the Hon'ble Director General, Worthy Advisor to PJA and Faculty Members.



3 Months Pre-Service Training Program – 2025 for Newly Appointed Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates.

On the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court / Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy, the PJA organized a comprehensive Three-Month Pre-Service Training Program – 2024 for thirty-three newly appointed Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates, commenced from 12th June, 2025. This training program is meticulously designed to equip new judicial officers with the essential knowledge, skills, and ethical grounds required for the fair and effective dispensation of justice.

While preparing the modules and curriculum for the participants of Three-Month Pre-Service Training Program – 2024, this time under the vision of Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court and upon directions of Hon'ble Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, special emphasis has been given to build a strong and sound personality of the trainee judges, not only on moral and ethical side but on the legal and practical aspects of the judicial service. These special training modules would enhance the capacity of the young trainee judges to write different types of orders and judgments while holding a proper court after listening the arguments in the court rooms. This exercise would improve the confidence of trainee judges.

Objectives of the Pre-Service Training Program are:

- a) To inculcate judicial ethics, professionalism, and a strong sense of responsibility.*
- b) To develop core judicial skills including trial conduct, evidence appreciation, and decision-making.*
- c) To enhance the ability to write well-reasoned, logical, and clear judgments.*
- d) To strengthen administrative and managerial capabilities necessary for court management.*
- e) To familiarize participants with the use of IT tools and digital resources in the justice system.*
- f) To provide in-depth understanding of substantive and procedural law, along with relevant precedents.*

- g) To offer practical exposure to courtroom procedures through mock trials and court attachments.*
- h) To introduce key concepts of forensic science and medical jurisprudence relevant to judicial work.*
- i) To enable judges to critically analyze revenue records and assess their evidentiary value in judicial proceedings.*

Oath Taking Ceremony:

The Punjab Judicial Academy organized a dignified Oath-Taking Ceremony for thirty-three newly appointed Civil Judges-cum-Magistrates, marking the commencement of their three-month Pre-Service Training Program. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, Lahore High Court, Lahore / Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy as Guest of Honour.

The ceremony was attended by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abid Aziz Sheikh, a Senior Judge, Lahore High Court, Lahore, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy, Mr. Amjad Iqbal Ranjha, Worthy Registrar, & Director General, Directorate of District Judiciary, District & Sessions Judge (HR), Lahore High Court, Lahore, Advisor to PJA, Directors, Faculty Members of PJA, other distinguished guests and the parents of trainee judges, making it a memorable and inspiring occasion.



The Director General, PJA warmly received Hon'ble Chief Justice Miss Aalia Neelum/Chairperson, Board of Management, Punjab Judicial Academy as Chief Guest, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Abid Aziz Sheikh and other distinguished guests. As a token of respect, flower bouquets were presented to the Hon'ble Chief Guest and other dignitaries.



The event commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem. Subsequently, the newly appointed Civil Judges formally took their oath of office, pledging to uphold the Constitution, protect the rights of citizens, and dispense justice without favour or fear.



The oath was administered by Mr. Amjad Iqbal Ranjha, Worthy Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore.



In his welcome address, the Director General, PJA briefed the audience on the structure and objectives of the Pre-Service Training Program, emphasizing its vital role in enhancing competence and ethical values in the newly appointed judicial officers as well as to build them as vibrant and strong officers.



The Hon'ble Chief Justice while addressing, emphasized several guiding principles for the newly appointed Civil Judges. She underscored the importance of **upholding the rule of law**, urging judges to always act strictly in accordance with the Constitution and established legal principles to ensure that justice is not only done but is visibly done. Stressing the critical role of **judicial integrity and ethics**, Her Ladyship remarked that the true strength of the judiciary lies in the personal character of its judges. She called for absolute integrity, impartiality, and moral courage to guide every judicial act. Highlighting the need for **professional excellence**, the Hon'ble Chief Justice advised the new judges to strive for in-depth legal understanding, clear and well-reasoned judgment writing, effective courtroom management, and familiarity with evolving legal fields, particularly those involving forensic and digital evidence. Her Ladyship also spoke about the judiciary's dependence on **public trust**, noting that legitimacy is earned through fair conduct, transparency, and unwavering dedication to justice. Finally, Her Ladyship reminded the inductees that judicial office is a **position of service, not of power**, and urged them to remain humble, empathetic, and accessible, particularly to the

underprivileged and marginalized segments of society while ensuring transparency and impartiality in administration of justice without favour or fear.



The Hon'ble Chief Justice also appreciated the Punjab Judicial Academy's tireless efforts in providing high-quality judicial training and encouraged the trainee judges to make full use of this unique opportunity for professional growth. Her Ladyship generously applauded and appreciated the role of Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy in making the PJA more effective and meaningful. The ceremony concluded with a group photograph of the dignitaries and trainees, followed by refreshments.



Teaching and Learning Activities:

During Week – 1 to 03, The Punjab Judicial Academy invited motivational speakers, renowned personalities, associate professors from esteemed institutions as resource persons.



The topics taught in sessions are:

- 1) Bar & Bench Relations
- 2) Court Management
- 3) Confidence Building Measures

- 4) Code of Conduct of District Judiciary
- 5) Professional Etiquettes & Mannerism
- 6) Dressing, Appearance and Professional Outlook
- 7) Health & Fitness and Wellbeing
- 8) Case Management & Maintenance of Court Record
- 9) Personal Development and Motivation
- 10) Foundation of Legal English
- 11) Role of Functional English for Legal English
- 12) Critical Reading Comprehension, Stylistics, Analysis
- 13) Summary Writing - Grammar, Expressions, Literary Devices, Punctuation Marks
- 14) Effective Legal Vocabulary -Word Usage in Legal Context
- 15) Critical Reading- Argumentative, Sequencing, Thesis Statements
- 16) Critical Reading & Writing-Summary, Analyse a text, Stylistics, Linguistic Devices
- 17) Critical Summary Writing-Comprehension, Identification of Ideology, Textural Analysis
- 18) Basics of Courtroom Communication Skills
- 19) Functional English (Grammar, Prepositions, Adverbs)
- 20) Basics of Effective Writing for Legal Settings
- 21) اردو زبان کی تاریخ، عدالتی اصطلاحات کی روشنی میں
- 22) اردو نثری ادب میں عدالتی نظام کے مباحث۔
- 23) اردو شاعری میں نظام انصاف کے مباحث۔
- 24) Critical Reading Writing-Summarizing for ideology, textual markers, devices, rhetoric and communication
- 25) Oral & Written Argumentation in Legal Discourse
- 26) Crises/Time Management
- 27) Conducting the Court
- 28) Introduction to I.T. - I.T. Skills (M.S. Office)
- 29) Forensic Awareness
- 30) Personal Development - Judge as a Role Model for Public
- 31) Stress/Anger Management
- 32) Emotional Intelligence & Leadership
- 33) Controlling the Courtroom
- 34) Maintenance of Court Record, Court Inspection and Inspection Note

- 35) Loss of Judicial File and its Reconstruction
- 36) Judicial Service Rules – Conduct Rules
- 37) Judicial Ethics
- 38) Lahore High Court Rules & Orders
- 39) Dining Etiquettes - Table Manners
- 40) Principle of Limine Control





3-DAY WORKSHOP ON “GENERATIVE AI AND ITS APPLICATION IN LEGAL DECISION MAKING” FOR JUDICIAL OFFICERS.

The integration of Artificial Intelligence in the judicial regime marks a significant step towards modernization and efficiency in the justice system. The introduction to AI and its role in the judiciary is essential to familiarize judicial officers with the technological advancements shaping global legal practices. Generative AI-powered legal tools, in particular, present immense potential to enhance legal research, streamline case preparation, and assist in drafting precise, well-reasoned judgments. Practical demonstration exercises—covering general-purpose, legal-specific, and case-specific tools—are crucial to develop hands-on proficiency and confidence in their use. Civil and criminal case practice sessions enable participants to apply AI tools in realistic scenarios, bridging the gap between theory and practice. Scenario-based tasks further strengthen analytical skills, problem-solving capabilities, and adaptability in complex judicial situations.

The Punjab Judicial Academy (PJA), under the kind directions of the Hon’ble Chief Justice Lahore High Court / Chairperson, Board of Management, PJA organized 3-Day Workshop on “Generative AI and Its Application in Legal Decision Making” For Judicial Officers. The overall objective of this training is to equip judicial officers with the knowledge and skills necessary to responsibly and effectively integrate AI into judicial processes, ensuring timely, transparent, and well-informed decision-making while upholding judicial independence and ethical standards.

Inaugural Ceremony:

The training session started with an Inaugural Ceremony graciously presided over by the Hon’ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem. The ceremony opened with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a Welcome Address by the Hon’ble Director General. During the welcome address, his lordship welcomed the training participants, and distinguished speakers, highlighting the importance of the training in

enhancing professional competence. He emphasized the judiciary's vibrant role in the modern era, the necessity of adopting innovative approaches, and the value of continuous capacity building. The Director General also underscored the significance of the chosen topic in addressing current challenges, aligning the training objectives with the broader vision of judicial excellence and access to justice. His remarks motivated the participants to engage actively, make the most of the sessions, and apply the acquired knowledge in their professional duties.



During the current quarter, One (01) batch has successfully completed the training. The topics taught in session are:

- 1) Introduction to AI and its use in Judicial Regime.
- 2) Overview of Generative AI Powered Legal Tools.
- 3) Wrap-up and Open Discussion, Q & A
- 4) Practical Demonstration Exercise (General Purpose Tools)
- 5) Practical Demonstration Exercise (Legal Specific Tools)
- 6) Practical Demonstration Exercise (Case Specific Tools)
- 7) Civil Case Practice
- 8) Criminal Case Practice
- 9) Scenario Based Tasks

Dr. Usman Ghani, Head of Department, NCAI-UET, Lahore, along with his team, delivered a series of lectures and imparted practical training on use of AI to the participants.

The sessions covered both theoretical and practical aspects, focusing on the latest developments, applications, and challenges in the field. The team shared in-depth knowledge, demonstrated relevant tools, and encouraged interactive discussions to enhance participants' understanding. Real-world case studies, live demonstrations, and Q&A segments allowed participants to relate the concepts to practical scenarios in their respective domains.



Concluding Ceremony:

The concluding ceremony commenced with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General, Punjab Judicial Academy. The event was attended by the Worthy Advisor to PJA, Directors, and Faculty Members.

Following the recitation, a representative of the batch was invited to share feedback on the training. The participant praised the effectiveness of the training module, particularly appreciating the integration of the Quranic message, and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Academy for arranging such a valuable and insightful program.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates to the participating judges. Group photographs were then taken with the Hon'ble Director General, Worthy Advisor to PJA, and Faculty Members to mark the successful completion of the training.



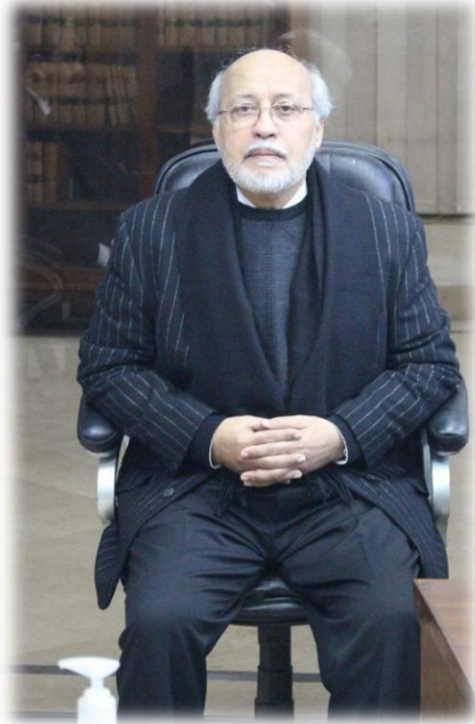


Visits & Events



Sad Demise of Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director Academic / Program, Punjab Judicial Academy.

On 10th May, 2025 a tragic and sad news was received in the PJA that Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, Director Academic / Program who was admitted in a local hospital due to severe cardiac problem, has passed away. This news left a pall of gloom in the entire premises of PJA. Late Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, had been associated with the PJA for the last couple of years and he rendered invaluable and meritorious services as Director Academic / Program during his stint of tenure. Late Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan joined judicial service as Civil Judge in late 1980s and performed his judicial functions diligently with high level of integrity and probity.



He was wonderful human being having all the excellent qualities of head and heart. He was always found with smiling face, in high spirits, very lively, extremely loving, a caring colleague and trusted friend ready to extend all sorts of help and cooperation for the betterment of the institution.



Last Official Picture of Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan

His death is a huge loss for the PJA.

Hon'ble Director General, PJA and all the faculty members, attended the funeral of Late Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan. Next day of his death, Qur'an Khawani was held in the premises of PJA for the departed soul, participated by a number of employees and officers of PJA. May Almighty Allah bless his soul with eternal peace and grant patience to the bereaved family.

Medical Camp for the Judicial Officers of District Lahore.

On the request of the Sessions Court, Lahore, a medical camp by Shalamar Hospital was organized at the Punjab Judicial Academy for the judicial officers of the Lahore district on 29th May, 2025. The camp provided comprehensive health services including blood pressure and blood sugar testing, cholesterol screening, cardiac evaluation, general physical examination, as well as lifestyle and dietary consultation, along with height and weight assessment.



The initiative aimed at promoting health awareness, early detection of hypertension and cardiac issues, and encouraging preventive healthcare practices among judicial officers.



On this occasion, the Director General of the Punjab Judicial Academy, Hon'ble Mr. Justice (R) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, presented a souvenir to Dr. Azra Mehmood of Shalamar Hospital in recognition of her valuable contribution to the successful organization of the camp. The camp concluded with a group photograph of medical team with Hon'ble Director General and faculty members of the Academy.



Farewell Ceremony for Ms. Aysha Kahlid, Ms. Saima Husnain & Mr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Additional District & Sessions Judges / Senior Instructors, Punjab Judicial Academy.

The Punjab Judicial Academy organized a graceful farewell ceremony to acknowledge and appreciate the services of its Senior Instructors, Ms. Ayesha Khalid, Ms. Saima Husnain, and Mr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Additional District & Sessions Judges who have been transferred from the Academy to new judicial assignments during the quarter under discussion.

The ceremony, held under the guidance of Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Rtd) Sardar Ahmed Naeem, Director General PJA, was attended by the Worthy Advisor to the Academy, Directors and Faculty Members of Punjab Judicial Academy.

Addressing the gathering, the Director General lauded the outgoing Senior Instructors for their dedication, professionalism, and significant contributions to judicial education and capacity building. He highlighted their role in designing and delivering effective training programs for judicial officers, which strengthened the Academy's mission of enhancing the administration of justice. Faculty members and colleagues also expressed their heartfelt appreciation, recalling the positive impact of the instructors' academic input, mentorship, and team spirit.





Visit of Under Construction Building of Punjab Judicial Academy, Kala Shah Kaku (KSK) Campus.

The Director General of the Punjab Judicial Academy, accompanied by senior officials, paid several visits to the under-construction building of the Punjab Judicial Academy's Kala Shah Kaku (KSK) Campus to review the progress of ongoing development works. In one of such visits, Mr. Amjad Iqbal Ranjha, Worthy Registrar, Lahore High Court, Lahore also accompanied the Hon'ble Director General, PJA at the site. The inspection aimed to ensure that the construction is proceeding according to the approved design, quality standards, and stipulated timelines.



During visit, the construction team briefed on the structural progress, infrastructure facilities, and future plans for academic, administrative, and residential blocks. The Director General emphasized the importance of adhering to safety protocols, maintaining high construction quality, and completing the project within the set schedule.



The KSK Campus, upon completion, will serve as a state-of-the-art training facility, equipped with modern classrooms, residential accommodations, a library, moot courtrooms, and other amenities to cater to the professional development needs of judicial officers and court staff across Punjab. This initiative reflects the Academy's commitment to expanding its capacity and enhancing judicial education in line with contemporary requirements.





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